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CEREVISIAE AND THEIR USE FOR SCREENING EUKARYOTIC POTASSIUM  
CHANNELS

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2003 (Paper No. 20), for the above-captioned application. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on July 28, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this response with a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and the requisite fees. Please credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Firm Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Please amend the Application as set forth in the Amendments below.

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